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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report, Swaziland Bureau, November 1988

I. GENERAL

1. The new chief of RSA security police recently noted that "while unrest incidents were dropping off, terror attacks were on the increase" this year. Fewer than 10 explosions were reported throughout the country in November, down from 29 last month, but security officials expect an increase in violence during the holiday season. Embassy personnel are urged to use caution when traveling in South Africa, but no official travel advisory has been issued, good news for Christmas shoppers.

2. The rate of exchange, which had been steady for the past 4 months at around 2.45 to the dollar, fell sharply in November to 2.26 to the dollar at month's end.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

Both African-languages and Portuguese-language sections were kept busy this month with the Angolan-South African-Cuban peace talks. That issue and the continuing apartheid controversies in South Africa kept Bureau wordage at about 350,000 words for the month.

By agreement with the U.S. Embassy in Libreville, the Bureau has agreed to review pouched material on Sao Tome and Principe, with the understanding that selection and filing criteria will be strictly by FBIS standards. The Embassy pouched the first batch of Sao Tome's sole newspaper, REVOLUCAO, to Mbabane in November.

B. Cruising/Coverage

1. The Bureau has been receiving Dakar PANA with fair to poor reception throughout the month, after PANA had been virtually untraced at the Bureau for several months.

2. Harare Domestic Service reception began deteriorating in late October, and has been unmonitorable all month.

3. Reception of Luanda Domestic Service has been poor to unmonitored since 4 November during the middle of the day. Early morning and late evening newscasts are generally fair to poor.

4. The Bureau began coverage of VRYE WEEKBLAD, a new Afrikaans weekly newspaper, on 11 November. The paper has a more left of center editorial policy which has already drawn the attention of the censors, and a warning.

5. The Johannesburg newspaper THE WEEKLY MAIL disappeared from Bureau coverage for 4 weeks in November when it was banned from publication for breaking Emergency Restrictions.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Visitors

1. Headquarters Engineer [] visited the Bureau TDY 2-16 November to help orient the Bureau's new staff technician.

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2. A Headquarters security officer visited the Bureau TDY 4-7 November to do a physical security survey.

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3. Asuncion Bureau Portuguese Monitor [] visited the Bureau TDY from 4 November to 1 December to assist in Portuguese monitoring during the Portuguese section chief's end of contract leave. The TDY was very successful, with [] able to handle a shift alone and do translations from Angolan and Mozambique Portuguese newscasts within 4 days after arrival.

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B. Promotions/Step Increases

1. [] was promoted to GS-9 during November.

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2. The following Bureau nonstaff personnel were given PSI's during the month: []

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